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Dear Marcus

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 30 August 2021 regarding OIA statistics. You requested:

*I would like to request a list of Official Information Act requests ranging from 1st January 2020 through 31st August 2021 where some or all of the information requested was withheld and/or redacted under Section 6 (all subsections)*

*In particular, I would like to receive a table with three columns: The date that the OIA response was issued, a brief one liner summary explaining the broad topic in question and the cited section(s) that the OIA was refused under*

*Here's an example of how this has looked in the past:*

*06/04/2016, Communications regarding the 2016 US Presidential Election, 6(a)*

*Ideally I'd like to receive this as a spreadsheet but you're welcome to provide the data in whichever format is easiest for you as I'll be reformatting it anyway.*

The primary system New Zealand Police utilise to log, manage and monitor requests received under the OIA is the Information Request Tool (IRT). While IRT is the primary recording system utilised, three categories of requests which are answered under the OIA (Traffic Crash Reports, Speed Camera information requests, and Media requests) are recorded elsewhere.

In all instances, withholding grounds for Police OIA responses are recorded in the response documents. While IRT records a response outcome category, (specifying whether the request was released in full, released in part, or refused in full), none of the OIA management systems used by Police captures withholding grounds.

Police systems used to manage OIA requests do not record the level of detail you have requested. Provision of a topic summary and breakdown of withdrawal

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reasons for the period you have defined would require a manual search through documentation for each request responded to by Police. Police responded to more than 40,000 OIA requests in the first six months of 2021.

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the OIA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

If you have any questions, you may contact [Ministerial.Services@police.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@police.govt.nz).

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Hodgson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'L' and 'H'.

Lee Hodgson  
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